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munication, not a single case of smallpox has appeared, and only 13 cases in all of typhus.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

JAMES E. NEAL,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure.]

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
Liverpool, January 29, 1896.

SIR: In reply to your letter of to-day, I beg to inform you that the city is at present particularly free from infectious disease. Not a single case of smallpox exists at the present time, nor has there been any notified during the past two months. Typhus is not at all prevalent, only some 13 cases having been reported since January 1, 5 of which came from one house.

Yours faithfully,

E. W. HOPE,
Medical Officer of Health.

UNITED STATES CONSUL, *Liverpool.*

FRANCE.

Abatement of the smallpox epidemic in Marseilles.

MARSEILLES, *January 27, 1896.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the scourge of smallpox which has afflicted this place for some months past has abated to such an extent that the city proper may now be considered free from the disease. It seems now to be confined to the village of Mozargue, a suburban town on the southern limits of the city, the population of which is largely composed of Italian workingmen. As I have heretofore reported, the city authorities give no figures concerning epidemics of any nature, but from the statements of physicians and others in position to know the facts I believe it well within the limits to place the number of cases during the epidemic in Marseilles proper at 5,000. During the past two months more than 40,000 persons have been vaccinated at the public establishments, and this, with other precautions, has been successful in clearing the city of the epidemic.

In view of present conditions I have considered it my duty to inform shippers that the quarantine restrictions will be removed thirty days from this date.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

CLAUDE M. THOMAS,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

JAPAN.

Cholera in Japan.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *February 4, 1896.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the outbreak of cholera in Chiba Ken, of which I notified you in my letter of January 25, still continues, and the disease has appeared also in the Ken of Ibaraki. as follows: January 24 to February 3, Chiba Ken, 12 cases, 16 deaths; January 24 to February 3, Ibaraki Ken, 3 cases.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,
Sanitary Inspector, M. H. S.